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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE: LOME MEDIATION
COMMISSION

REF: A) OUAGA 1089; B) PARIS 11537

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME AT SOVIET RECEPTION LAST NIGHT,
FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLANC HAD LOST A GREAT DEAL OF HIS
FORMER PESSIMISM REGARDING MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE
AND VOLTAN POLITICAL CLIMATE. FACT THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA
HAD DECIDED TO VISIT CANADA AND TO BE ABSENT FROM COUNTRY
FROM MAY 10 TO MAY 19 INDICATED THAT, FOR TIME BEING,
PRESIDENT FELT HIS POSITION WAS NOT THREATENED AT HOME
AND THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT AN ATTACK FROM MALI IN
IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID THAT UPPER VOLTA-MALI JOINT

TECHNICAL COMMISSION (NUMBERED PARA 3 OF TRAORE'S LETTER TO LAMIZANA REPORTED BAMAKO 1326) HAD MET AT KABIA ON BELI RIVER UNDER AUSPICES OF MEDIATION COMMISSION TO DETERMINE EXACT LOCATION OF MOUNT N'GOUMAA WHICH, ACCORDING TO FRENCH COLONIAL DOCUMENTS, DETERMINES MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER (AND INCIDENTALLY MALI-NIGER BORDER). WHILE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING ARE NOT YET KNOWN, IT DOES SHOW, IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S OPINION, THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE FINALLY COOPERATING IN ATTEMPTING TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM (COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT SANDWIDI, FORMER DIRECTOR OF CADASTRE, WHO LEFT FOR NIAMEY APRIL 30 AS REPORTED OUAGA 1018, REPRESENTED UPPER VOLTA AT THIS MEETING.)

3. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAS ASKED PRESIDENT EYADEMA TO CALL MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE OF MALI, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER, TOGO, SENEGAL AND GUINEA IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM CANADA IN ORDER TO SETTLE ONCE AND FOR ALL BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN UPPER VOLTA AND MALI.

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